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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.  
50277-2333

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Sashikanth CHANDRASEKARAN, et al., entitled GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED CLUSTERS, for a(n):

Original Patent Application.

Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed on: \_\_\_\_\_

A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

Specification 51 Total Pages;  Drawing(s) 10 Total Sheets;  Cover Sheet 1 Page

Oath or Declaration: 3 Pages

A Newly Executed Declaration:

Signed.  Unsigned.  Partially Signed.

A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

Power of Attorney & Rev.of Prev. Powers.  Return Receipt Postcard.

Associate Power of Attorney.  A Check in the amount of \$1,888.00 for the Filing Fee.

Preliminary Amendment.  Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

A Duplicate Copy of this Form for Processing Fee.

A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

Recordation of Assignment Cover Sheet and **executed Assignment**.

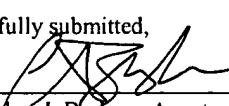
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CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEES
Total Claims	56	36	\$18.00	\$ 648.00
Independent Claims	8	5	\$86.00	\$ 430.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				\$0.00
Assignment Recording Fee				\$40.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$770.00
			Total Filing Fee	\$1,888.00

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account 50-1302 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.25. Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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